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SPECIAL QUADRIPARTITE DRAFTING GROUP TO WORK OUT REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE OF NOVEMBER 27 MET QUAL D'ORSAY THIS AFTERNOON. AMERICAN MEMBERS WERE BECKER. HILLENBRAND. MEETING LIMITED TO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND AND STOESSEL. COMPARISON DRAFTS SUBMITTED BY BRITISH, FRENCH, AND AMERICANS. LARGE IDENTITY OF SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT NOTED FROM OUTSET, WITH CONSIDERABLE VARIATION IN RANGE OF HISTORICAL TREATMENT.

GROUP MEETING AGAIN TOMORROW AFTERNOON AFTER REWORKING SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF DRAFTS IN LIGHT TODAY'S DISCUSSION.

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